

Appl. No. 10/087,939
Supplemental Amendment, dated 08/08/2006
Reply to Office Action of 11/16/2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action of November 16, 2005, the Examiner had indicated that Claims 3, 8, 13 and 18 were allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

In this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 to rewrite them in their original form (i.e., to delete what was added to the claims in the Response of February 14, 2006) and to include the limitations of Claims 2 and 3, 7 and 8, 12 and 13, 16 and 17, respectively. (That is, Claims 3, 8, 13 and 18 are now rewritten in their original independent form to include the limitations of their base claims and intervening Claims.) Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 13, 16 and 17 are canceled and Claims 4, 9, 14 and 19 are amended to change their dependency from a canceled claim to a non-canceled claim.

Applicants realize that only Claims 3, 8, 13, and 18 were indicated as allowable (i.e., Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19 and 20 were not indicated as allowable). However, since Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19 and 20 depend on an allowable claim, Applicants believe that they too are allowable. Thus, Applicants did not cancel them from the Application.

Passage to issue of the Application is kindly requested.

Respectfully Submitted

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